

Scarlet's Southwest Barack-A-Bowl

Makes: 4 Servings

"Much of the food we eat is inspired by southwest flavors, which is why I chose to create a healthy southwest dish loaded with power foods for energy," says Scarlet. "Due to the beautiful weather in Arizona, we grill outdoors year round, so I wanted to include grilled chicken and corn. Our family is trying to be healthier in our food choices, so I suggested to my mom that we substitute white rice with cauliflower 'rice,' and when we mixed it with the quinoa, I couldn't even tell it wasn't white rice!" Scarlet likes to serve this with a prickly pear smoothie.

Ingredients

1/2 pound chicken tenders

3/4 can of 7 ounce can of chipotles in adobo sauce

4 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil

2 ears of corn or 1 cup frozen corn

1/2 cup quinoa

1/4 head of cauliflower

1/4 red onion, peeled and finely chopped

2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced

1/2 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained

1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro

1 avocado, peeled, pitted and thinly sliced

1/4 cup Cotija cheese, grated (Parmesan can be substituted)

1/4 cup roasted, salted pumpkin seeds

1/2 fresh lime, juiced

Directions

 Place chicken and chipotles in 1--gallon freezer bag, refrigerate and marinate for at least 1 hour, but preferably



Nutrition Information

Nutrients	Amount
Calories	365
Total Fat	16 g
Saturated Fat	3 g
Cholesterol	39 mg
Sodium	118 mg
Total Carbohydrate	33 g
Dietary Fiber	7 g
Total Sugars	4 g
Added Sugars included	N/A

overnight.

- 2. Preheat the grill. When it's hot, sprinkle ½ teaspoon olive oil on each ear of corn, wrap in foil, place on the side of the grill, and cover. (You can also boil the corn; place in cold water and bring to a boil over medium heat. Drain and remove the kernels.) Cook for 10 minutes, turn the corn over; remove the chicken from the plastic bag and place onto the grill. Cook for 6 minutes on each side. Turn the grill off. Remove the chicken and corn, then unwrap the corn and place back on the grill for a few minutes to get grill marks. After corn has cooled, cut the kernels off the ears by holding cobs vertically and slicing downwards. Cut chicken into bite--size pieces.
- Meanwhile, cook quinoa according to package instructions in a large saucepan. In a food processor, add cauliflower and process until it's a rice-- like consistency.
- 4. **In a large nonstick pan,** warm 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium heat, and then add the onions and garlic and cook for 3 minutes, or until softened.
- 5. Into the quinoa pan, add cauliflower, chicken, corn, onion, garlic, black beans, and cilantro. Warm over medium heat for about 4 minutes. Remove from heat and add Cotija cheese. Garnish with avocado slices, pumpkin seeds, and lime juice and serve!

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